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TARIFFS

*New Delhi, the 1st May 1954*

No. 12(7)-T.B./53.—The Tariff Commission has submitted its Report on the continuance of protection to the Sago (Tapioca Globules) Industry. Its recommendations are as follows:—

- (1) A protective duty at the rate of 36 per cent. *ad valorem* plus 5 per cent. of the total duty should be levied on imports of sago globules and tapioca pearls from British Colonies, the standard rate of duty on imports from countries other than British colonies being fixed in accordance with the provisions of the Indo-British Trade Agreement. Protection to the industry should be continued for a further period of two years, i.e., till the end of 1956.
- (2) So long as import restrictions continue to be maintained on balance of payments considerations, imports should be so regulated as to take into account the capacity of the industry to meet the entire requirements of the country and the scope for its further expansion in future.
- (3) The Government of Madras should depute an officer of the Agricultural Department to study the methods of cultivation of sago and tapioca and the manufacture of globules in Malaya. Two or three representatives of the producers may accompany the officer to Malaya during his deputation.
- (4) The Madras Government should establish an experimental farm near Salem for the purpose of introducing improved methods of cultivation of tapioca as well as manufacture of sago.
- (5) The Government of Madras should give necessary assistance to the producers to set up a co-operative organisation which should function as a central purchasing agency for tapioca roots and a distributing agency for the finished product.

- (6) The quality of the indigenous product is fairly satisfactory but there is still much room for improvement in the technique and conditions of manufacture. The manufacturers should carry out these improvements in consultation with the Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore, and the Institute should undertake experiments in co-operation with the Salem Sago Manufacturers' Association for improving the technique of manufacture.
  - (7) The Salem Sago Manufacturers' Association should collect information from its members regarding production, sales, stocks, selling prices, etc. and submit these data to the Commission periodically.
2. Government accept all the recommendations of the Tariff Commission and will take steps to implement them as far as possible.
  3. The attention of the industry is invited to recommendations Nos. (6) and (7).

## NOTIFICATION

### TARIFFS

*New Delhi, the 1st May 1954*

**No. 12(7)-T.B./53.**—In exercise of the powers conferred by subsection (1) of section 4 of the Indian Tariff Act, 1934 (XXXII of 1934), the Central Government hereby increases the duties shown in the fourth column against Item No. 11(6) of the First Schedule to the said Act from 24 per cent. *ad valorem* and 36 per cent. *ad valorem* to 36 per cent. *ad valorem* and 46 per cent. *ad valorem*, respectively, with effect from the 1st May, 1954.

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